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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

## **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

## **Opposer Information**

Name	Drew Estate Holding Company LLC		
Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	Delaware
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## **Applicant Information**

Application No	85206113	Publication date	05/03/2011
Opposition Filing Date	05/26/2011	Opposition Period Ends	06/02/2011
Applicant	Fantasia Distribution, Inc. 1556 W. Embassy St. Anaheim, CA 92802 UNITED STATES		

# Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 034. First Use: 2009/11/24 First Use In Commerce: 2009/11/24

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Hookah tobacco; Molasses tobacco;

Smoking tobacco; Tobacco

# **Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)

# Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	2440808	Application Date	03/13/2000
Registration Date	04/03/2001	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	ACID		

Design Mark			
	ACI	D	
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 034. First use: First Use: 1999/07/15 First Use In Commerce: 1999/07/15 Cigars		
U.S. Registration No.	3687647	Application Date	08/15/2006
Registration Date	09/22/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	ACID CIGARS		•
Design Mark	SASAR ASAR		
Description of Mark	The mark consists of a silhouette of a man smoking a cigar while leaning on a motorcycle underneath tree branches. Beneath this design is the term "ACID" and beneath that is the term "CIGARS".		
Goods/Services	Class 034. First use: First Use: 2000/08/00 First Use In Commerce: 2000/08/00 CIGARS, TOBACCO AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NAMELY, CIGAR BOXES, CIGAR AND CIGARETTE LIGHTERS, CIGAR AND CIGARETTE HOLDERS, ASHTRAYS, CIGAR BANDS, CIGAR CUTTERS, HUMIDORS, AND CIGAR TUBES		

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Signature	/Roberta Jacobs-Meadway/
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Date	05/26/2011

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DREW ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY LLC,

Opposer,

v.

: Opposition No.

FANTASIA DISTRIBUTION, INC.,

Applicant.

## NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Honorable Commissioner for Trademarks 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3513

In the matter of trademark Application Serial No. 85/206,113 for the mark SURFER ON ACID filed December 27, 2010 and published for opposition in the *Official Gazette* of May 3, 2011.

Drew Estate Holding Company LLC ("Drew Estate" or "Opposer"), a Delaware limited liability corporation having an address at 12415 SW 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 7, Miami, FL 33186, believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the mark shown in the above-identified application for the goods identified therein and hereby opposes the same. The grounds for opposition are as follows:

- 1. Fantasia Distribution, Inc. ("Fantasia" or "Applicant") seeks to register SURFER ON ACID as a mark for hookah tobacco, molasses tobacco, smoking tobacco, and tobacco, as evidenced by the publication of the mark in the *Official Gazette* of May 3, 2011.
- 2. The application herein opposed was filed December 27, 2010 on the basis of "use in commerce." Applicant claims no date earlier than November 24, 2009 for the purpose of priority in the United States.
- 3. Drew Estate is and has been engaged in the development, manufacture, and sale of tobacco products and has built a successful business in connection therewith.
- 4. Since at least as early as 1999, under exclusive license from Morfiya, Inc., Drew Estate has continuously used "ACID", the subject of Registration No. 2,440,808, as a mark and as the dominant element of marks for tobacco products.
- 5. Since at least as early as 2000, under exclusive license from Morfiya, Inc., Drew Estate has continuously used "ACID CIGARS", the subject of Registration No. 3,687,647, as a mark for tobacco products.
- 6. The nature and extent of Drew Estate's use of the ACID marks can be seen at its website, www.drewestate.com and a printout of the relevant information from the Patent and Trademark Office website about each of the above-cited registrations, showing title and status, is attached as Exhibit A.
- 7. Drew Estate has developed a line of shisha tobacco products in conjunction with Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc., pursuant to its exclusive license from Morfiya, Inc., which products have been sold under the mark ACID SHISHA BY STARBUZZ. The nature and extent of the ACID shisha tobacco line can be seen at the website, www.acidshisha.com.

- 8. Drew Estate is authorized by its exclusive license to protect the ACID marks.
  - 9. The "ACID" and "ACID CIGARS" marks are inherently distinctive.
- 10. The "ACID" and "ACID CIGARS" marks have achieved commercial strength by virtue of continuous and substantially exclusive use and extensive use on tobacco products.
- 11. Drew Estate has built extensive goodwill in connection with the ACID marks for tobacco products.
- 12. Prior to November 24, 2009, a representative from Fantasia met with Joseph Reichenbach, Drew Estate's creative director. The ACID brand and the possibility of a line of ACID shisha products were discussed during this meeting. The Fantasia representative left Mr. Reichenbach with samples of Fantasia hookah products.
- 13. In the application herein opposed, Fantasia claims use of SURFER ON ACID since November 24, 2009 for *Hookah tobacco; Molasses tobacco; Smoking tobacco; Tobacco*. Fantasia has adopted and used the mark which is the subject of this opposition in bad faith.
- 14. Applicant's mark is confusingly similar to the ACID and ACID CIGARS marks in sound and appearance and in commercial impression.
- 15. Applicant has merely appended to the ACID mark the words "SURFER ON." The addition of "SURFER ON" does nothing to obviate the close similarity between the parties' marks.
- 16. The goods of Fantasia are closely related to the goods of Drew Estate sold under the ACID marks, in that the goods of both are tobacco products.

- 17. Cigar products and shisha and other tobacco products are customarily sold and marketed through overlapping trade channels and purchased by the same and overlapping classes of purchasers.
- 18. Customers would expect shisha and other forms of tobacco, including cigars, to come from the same and related sources.
- 19. Shisha tobacco is within Drew Estate's expected zone of expansion, and Drew Estate has expanded its tobacco offerings to include shisha tobacco.
- 20. Applicant's use of SURFER ON ACID as applied to the goods set forth in the application herein opposed is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to its affiliation or association with the ACID products and as to the origin, sponsorship, and approval of Fantasia's product.
- 21. Applicant's goods are such that members of the relevant public and trade on seeing Applicant's SURFER ON ACID mark would reasonably assume in error that there is a relationship between the source of ACID products and Applicant.
- 22. If Applicant is permitted to register SURFER ON ACID for the goods set forth in the application herein opposed, confusion of the relevant trade and public is likely to result, which is likely to damage and injure Drew Estate as the exclusive licensee of the ACID marks for tobacco products.
- 23. Any defect, objection to or fault found with Applicant's goods offered under the mark SURFER ON ACID would necessarily reflect on and seriously injure the reputation that Drew Estate has established for the ACID tobacco products.

24. If Applicant is granted a registration for the mark herein opposed, it would obtain thereby at least a *prima facie* exclusive right to use the mark. Such registration would be a source of damage and injury to Drew Estate.

WHEREFORE, Drew Estate prays that registration of the mark of Application Serial No. 85/206,113 for the goods identified therein be refused and that this Opposition be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5/26/11

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Notice of Opposition was served on counsel for Applicant on the dated listed below via U.S. Mail:

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Mark (words only): ACID

Standard Character claim: No

Current Status: The registration has been renewed.

**Date of Status: 2011-04-15** 

Filing Date: 2000-03-13

Transformed into a National Application: No

**Registration Date:** 2001-04-03

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#### 1. MORFIYA INCORPORATED

#### Address:

MORFIYA INCORPORATED 140 PLYMOUTH ST BROOKLYN, NY 11201 United States

Legal Entity Type: Corporation

**State or Country of Incorporation:** New York

## GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

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International Class: 034 Class Status: Active

Cigars **Basis:** 1(a)

First Use Date: 1999-07-15

First Use in Commerce Date: 1999-07-15

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(NOT AVAILABLE)

#### MADRID PROTOCOL INFORMATION

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2008-06-11 - Assignment Of Ownership Not Updated Automatically

2007-05-10 - Section 8 (6-year) accepted & Section 15 acknowledged

2007-05-04 - Assigned To Paralegal

2007-04-04 - Section 8 (6-year) and Section 15 Filed

2007-04-04 - TEAS Section 8 & 15 Received

2006-11-21 - Case File In TICRS

2006-04-03 - TEAS Change Of Correspondence Received

2006-04-03 - Applicant/Correspondence Changes (Non-Responsive) Entered

2006-04-03 - TEAS Change Of Owner Address Received

2006-02-14 - Attorney Revoked And/Or Appointed

2006-02-14 - TEAS Revoke/Appoint Attorney Received

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2001-04-03 - Registered - Principal Register

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2000-12-08 - Notice of publication

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2000-08-21 - Assigned To Examiner

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Reg. Dt: 04/03/2001

Registrant: Jonathan Drew Inc.

Mark: ACID
Assignment: 1

**Reel/Frame:** 2521/0766

Received: 06/10/2002

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Pages: 28

Conveyance: SECURITY INTEREST

Assignor: JONATHAN DREW, INC.

Exec Dt: 03/01/2002
Entity Type: CORPORATION

Entity Type: CORPORATION

Exec Dt: 12/20/2002

Citizenship: NEW YORK

Citizenship: NEW YORK

Citizenship: NONE

Assignee: GERBER TRADE FINANCE, INC.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Correspondent: GERBER TRADE FINANCE INC.

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Assignment: 2

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Received: 01/13/2003

**Recorded:** 01/06/2003

Pages: 3

Conveyance: RELEASE OF SECURITY AGREEMENT

Assignor: GERBER TRADE FINANCE, INC.

Entity Type: CORPORATION
Citizenship: NEW YORK
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Assignment: 3

Reel/Frame: 2869/0460

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Assignor: JONATHAN DREW, INC.

Exec Dt: 04/07/2003
Entity Type: CORPORATION

Citizenship: NONE

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Citizenship: NEW YORK

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Citizenship: NEW YORK Entity Type: CORPORATION

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Exec Dt: 06/09/2008

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Conveyance: SECURITY INTEREST

Assignor: DREW ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC

Exec Dt: 04/23/2010

Entity Type: CORPORATION

Citizenship: NEW YORK

Entity Type: LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY Citizenship: DELAWARE

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(words only): ACID CIGARS

Standard Character claim: No

Current Status: Registered. The registration date is used to determine when post-registration

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CIGAR CUTTERS, HUMIDORS, AND CIGAR TUBES

Basis: 1(a)

First Use Date: 2000-08-00

First Use in Commerce Date: 2000-08-00

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Color(s)** Claimed: Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

Disclaimer: "CIGARS"

**Description of Mark:** The mark consists of a silhouette of a man smoking a cigar while leaning on a motorcycle underneath tree branches. Beneath this design is the term "ACID" and beneath that is the term "CIGARS".

#### **Design Search Code(s):**

02.01.02 - Men depicted as shadows or silhouettes of men; Silhouettes of men

05.01.05 - Leafless trees and bushes

10.01.02 - Cigarettes; Holders, cigarette and cigar

18.05.02 - Mopeds; Motor cycles and motor scooters

26.11.01 - Rectangles as carriers or rectangles as single or multiple line borders

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- 2009-10-07 Automatic Update Of Assignment Of Ownership
- 2009-09-30 Automatic Update Of Assignment Of Ownership
- 2009-09-22 Registered Principal Register
- 2009-08-17 Law Office Registration Review Completed
- 2009-08-13 Allowed for Registration Principal Register (SOU accepted)
- 2009-08-12 Notice Of Design Search Code Mailed
- 2009-08-11 Statement Of Use Processing Complete
- 2009-07-22 Use Amendment Filed
- 2009-08-11 Divisional processing completed
- 2009-07-22 Divisional request received
- 2009-08-06 Response To ITU Office Action Entered
- 2009-08-06 TEAS Post Publication Amendment Received
- 2009-07-27 ITU Office Action Issued For Divisional Request
- 2009-07-22 TEAS Statement of Use Received
- 2009-07-22 TEAS Request To Divide Received
- 2009-02-21 Extension 2 granted
- 2009-02-19 Extension 2 filed
- 2009-02-19 TEAS Extension Received
- 2008-09-09 Extension 1 granted
- 2008-08-19 Extension 1 filed
- 2008-09-09 Case Assigned To Intent To Use Paralegal
- 2008-08-21 Extension Received With TEAS Petition
- 2008-08-21 Petition To Revive-Granted
- 2008-08-21 TEAS Petition To Revive Received
- 2008-02-19 NOA Mailed SOU Required From Applicant

2007-11-27 - Published for opposition

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